

BOARD of SELECTMEN
July 21, 2016 at 7:30 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Present: First Selectman Nina Daniel, Selectman Dennis Tracey, Selectman Chris Spaulding, Town Administrator Tom Landry, Town Engineer John Conte, Animal Control Officer Mark Harper, Planning and Zoning Chairman Tom Failla, Planning and Zoning Vice Chairman Jane Connolly, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, Weston Residents

This meeting was recorded and videotaped. The tapes are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Daniel called the meeting to order at: 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Anastasia Gussen

Discussion/decision regarding the resignation of Margaret Brooks from the Commission of the Arts, effective immediately. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to accept the resignation of Margaret Brooks from the Commission of the Arts, effective immediately. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Hillary Mandell to Commission for the Arts, filling a vacancy left by Margaret Brooks, for a term to end June 30, 2017. Mr. Tracey made a motion to appoint Hillary Mandell to the Commission for the Arts, filling a vacancy left by Margaret Brooks, for a term to end June 30, 2017. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Anastasia Gussen to the Commission for the Arts for a term to end June 30, 2018. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to appoint Anastasia Gussen to the Commission for the Arts for a term to end June 30, 2018. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding updating the 2010 Weston Plan of Conservation and Development –P&Z Chairman Tom Failla and P&Z Vice Chairman Jane Connolly
Dr. Failla and Ms. Connolly presented the proposed updates for the 2010 Weston Plan of Conservation and Development. The Co-Chairs of P&Z recommended engaging consultant, Hiram Peck, to make recommendations concerning the "Open Space Residential Development" section, with the goal of smarter use of existing land. Hiram Peck would be hired for 40 hours of work – at a cost of no more than \$5000. Mr. Richard Wolf, P & Z member, spoke and stated that P&Z did not vote on the priority of the subjects of the 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development that needed to be studied. Mr. Tracey made a motion to approve the supplemental appropriation of up to \$5,000 to hire Hiram Peck to consult on Open Space Residential Development. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Mr. Richard Wolf said he and Ken Edgar put together a memo in which they

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did not present priorities, and when it was presented to P&Z there was no agreement to priorities. Ms. Daniel explained that not all of the sections can be studied at one time, and the BOS cannot approve more than \$5,000 at one time. Given that P&Z did not vote to select priorities, the BOS will vote to select priorities. Clearly \$5,000 would not provide enough money to pay the consultant to review the entire town plan of Conservation 2010 which is the intention over time. Any further consultant services would then require an RFP. A full consideration of the entire town plan of conservation would cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000, which would require an RFP. The BOS then voted, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a survey of Moore Property -Mark Harper and John Conte

Mr. Conte needs approval to pay for an A-2 survey of the Moore Property. He received several bids, with the winning bid from Paul A. Hiro for \$4200. He will also flag the wetlands. Ms. Daniel stated that this dog park will be a community decision – and will go through a public hearing. There would be an MOU for a certain number of years, and then reconsidered. Resident Tony Roberts, Davis Hill Road, asked about how residents would get notified of the Public Hearing. Mr. Daniel explained he can get this information on the town website (or as Mr. Spaulding stated, in the Weston Forum) Resident Marilyn Parker of Richmond hill Road asked whether the Dog Park group was going to take care of all expenses, so asked why the town would pay for the survey. Ms. Daniel stated that this is a survey of town owned land, which has not been surveyed before. No matter what happens to this property, the survey would be a benefit to the town.

Another question from a resident is the effect on the town water – WWHD will be coming out to look into this.

Mr. Harper then stated that whether or not the town goes through with this dog park, getting 36 acres of town owned land surveyed for \$4200 is a great deal and he fully supports this request. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to approve a supplement for up to \$4200 to hire land surveyor Paul A. Hiro, to prepare an A-2 Survey map for the 36+ acre Davis Hill property including depiction of interior with stone walls and flagging of wetlands. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

First Selectman's update:

Ms. Daniel went to the Health District regarding the Mosquito and Tick Borne Task Force – as of 5 days ago it was revealed in Stamford they found a mosquito carrying West Nile Virus. The season is now so it is the right time to educate residents. Ms. Daniel presented a new product called Mosquito Dunks – which contain a natural antibiotic, that can be placed in standing water, even a bird feeder, gutters. This particular mosquito is found around small areas of standing water, not wetlands. Ms. Daniel will see if Lang's Pharmacy and Weston Hardware store would carry these.

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Westport has created a new Commission for Persons with Disabilities. Ms. Daniel is looking into joining forces sometime in the future if this commission takes off.

Any other business to come properly before this meeting: None

Executive Session: Litigation Update and Labor Negotiations- Mr. Tracey made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation update and labor negotiations. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Session Adjourned: 8:44pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

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Executive Session Meeting Minutes
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ATTENDANCE: The meeting was convened at 8:49 pm in the First Selectman's Office by Chairman Daniel with Selectman Spaulding and Town Administrator Landry present.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed negotiating positions and strategies in the current negotiations with the Highway and Town Hall units.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 10:20 pm, a motion (CS, ND second) to adjourn executive session and resume in open session passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: A motion (CS, ND second) to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously at 10:21 pm.

Minutes submitted by Tom Landry, Town Administrator

Approved: August 18, 2016